REV. WILLIAM ROPER, C.M.F. (MISSIONARY SONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, CLARETIANS)

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Vicar for Clergy Database

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev William Roper, C.M.F.

Current Primary Assignment Birth Date Birth Place Diaconate Ordination Priesthood Ordination Diocese Name Date of Incardination Religious Community Ritual Ascription Ministry Status Canon State Begin Pension Date

Claretian Missionaries Latin To Lay State Relig. Order Priest *Age: Deanery:* 22 RCALA 008570

Incard Process

Seminary Ethnicity

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check Virtus Training Date

Assignment History

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at 11:45pm. This is the first time le have written about my relationship for lack of a better word) with Father Hoper. le remember the had Black or dark Brown have wheer he had slicked Back very reatly His face also seemed as red to me, and be can never forget this glasses which were Black thick plastic - like this The De vore a all Black outfut with a white D square on his Collar & there was some type of gold pin on his pocket Jooking back through the eyes of a " yr old - He was God He would sit me on he lap and stick his hands down my panties & touch me and ask me if it belt good. It would nod my kend yes. Un the Ketchen on the Outproom & maybe the underground grave. He know in my heart he diel more and in Godo time - and Godo

will more maybe revealed This want on for a year and a half. Met got worse and Il went blying. Hod & that!" The impact this man had on me was propound to key the least. He could never under stand why my mom and It always gat in huge fights when she would say "Catholicism 15 the only way, the Bight way" What a Joke' fe hated prest and was terryed of them. Now Q. 36 Le no longer hate them but , le still am terriqued Uknow Father Roper was just a very sick man! He even suid so. Nobody wants to talk about What he term The Nitty Grittyr- The import understand why 12 felt like Satan was - young to get me - or indel of me on why sometimes when it Saw Jesus on the Cruseful the would have an erejection - torque me ford. I why it felt good.

On when be was young and used to plan Business Eater with REDACTED and we would pretend to chop off Keno Penes - when the got physically aroused, On why at age 36 le try and go to Catholic Church on where they have those Unitoms Il Cunt stop shaking

Lod is a God of Grace -you see back then when it hurt so bad he would Check out and go flying Like a little angel Let. Was so beautiful . Le stile have dreams of being in flight - Thankyou Joseo and God ded not let me semember until 20+ years later. REDACTED

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, l , was) sitting in CoCos denner REDACTED haun when the remembered - the way un total shock / le still dont remember all and le annot sure le want to 1 This Il do know is that works All trings you the good to those who believe He truly does I he would like to help. Il would like to do some speaking on behalf of the Church, or should be say for Sod He has been so good to me. le would leke be maybe speak out to the men who are prest of about to become one and let them Know the "N, Hy Greatly" Before the do some thing. Le would like to tele others - There is life through Christ and his strength in the after math and you don't have to become of Switt Happing or out for I on Revense, let all comes down to this fullipions 4,8. What ever is true Right.

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Pure, toly, or of 6,000 Report bet your mind dwell on these things " On as a so le once heard The Grass is not Greener on the other Side of the fence - Its greener on the Sike you water it on. 1the now 12:30 pm - and leim getting tired - bl ask you place to help with my medical Bills - past - presertand future. That's all'so be can finally get well, now for the outside study or the not so 'Natty. gritty' Le had an afforcied and in the REDACTED 9 to increase my peelings - Heck Re had no fleling words. Il remember when some one would ask me now le felt - el would oneve Like Shit" Well Shit wort a feeling - Il did not know what heelings were. Il because og Fran, REDACTED Rejection - il was extremely insecure - il went on Stopping spres like you would not 72744

believe, but not son me (because he was not worthy enough) he just bought gifts on surg-one else. He was so sad all the time. The thought of this man (or God in my eyes) touching me and doing all these things to me was in comprepensible. Il drank even more There were times when Il could not handle life my husbands Kids on job - Il yust stayed at some & transled bl. was Do sure Satan was going to get me, or maybe he who already inside that why it was ok on this priest to do These trings to me Finally Il decited to phone the San Domingues Seminary to table to him - a old Timert remembered Father Roper and told me he was excommunicated and he believed that the had mould to WAShington. Here Comas God Grace on a musacle of you will - il dont so cull what city le believe REDACTED. Le asked The operation for the number of a William 72745

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Roper, and she gave it to me. That was @ 3.00 in The afternoon. A young man answered the phone and we asked him if this was willian Ropero home the said yes Il asked if he was a priet in CA. Do years ago and he said yes. This young man was his Son. It told him Call back & Forpm and le REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED

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REDACTED a port of me did nt want to believe any of this was true. Father Roper answerd the phone . It told him who It was and deck the remember) me - he said "yes" le asked him - Do you remember the things you did to me' and he said "yes", and. that he was a very sick man - and the was still

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in courieling for t. He said the thad a new lye - was marine REDACTED and had I boyo we spoke it seemed like forener but herm sure it was only 20 minutes or so He said he was sorry, and le porçoue hem - (on a least e that time le thought so) le asked if le needed to talk Some more Could Ne Call him the reply was my kido go to bed @ 8:00p. and we hung up len a way it felt relieved le Was'nt gaing Crany and Q the same time Il Was tempied. my mind was racing ..

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Il wanie to help Cirist who seems to get sensationaly ex through the media with all the Hype on CAtholic PRIEST, Child Molesons" In Gods Name' where does it end? where do we draw the line and say enough is enough People are people whether? they are priests of whitever and there is good and back in these world and sometimes bad stuff happens and we Shouldn't Chastine Christianing because of some bad-sier people. We should forgue. them as Christ dece ton us, get some help in needed and get on with lye. and if and can take my story and help a few people than non of this would have been in vain. ligam re truly believe God works all things for the Good to those who believe " Le know pl chave more work to do in Counselin. But he can not apod the any more secure see

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we have changed insusance Companies and she is not on their list, It's been 6 mo since le have seen ther and le desparatly need to return to Counseling ton mis own Naniety REDACTED REDACTÉD le ask you Please to help me, so se Can get better and so se Can help atress. - Thank you.

REDACTED

November 18, 1993

RE: REDACTED

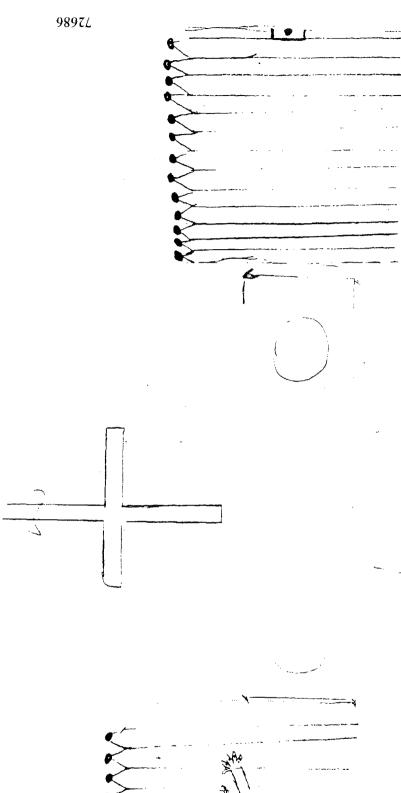
To Whom It May Concern:

REDACTED initiated treatment with me on November 12 1989. At that time she was experiencing a highly agitated depression intensified by her recent recall of her repressed molestation as a child by a Catholic priest whom she referred to as Father Roper.

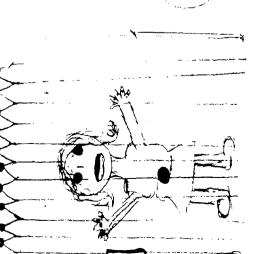
I believe that this molestation has had a significantly negative impact upon this woman's ability to function as a healthy adult. It has contributed to her low self esteem, her confused sexuality including marital difficulties, intersconfusion towards her religious values, alcoholism, compulsive spending, and problems related to comfort in parenting. Much of her treatment has been focused towards resolving these issues.

If you should need further clarification please feel from to contact me.

Sincerely, REDACTED



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Fisvincial Office Clarition 1115 Westchester Place 2012 Angeles, Ca. 90019

Re: Father William Roper

As per cur telephone conversation on 11-13-53, thank (10 51, take), the time to speak with me. I wish it were under tetter circumstances.

As per your request, I have enclosed my medical bill to date, which tatal \$13,540,00, This does not include the "Addiction Recomment" program I was in REDACTED I belleve I was tern with this disease, henceforth, this is no rescalibility. The bills I have enclosed are from 11/10/89 to 4/30/93. I would like you to nite this is one (1) year past the date of the statute of limitations. I wanted the church to know I was not it this for the stray. I would like my medical wills paid, for both past the above arount and future. I am not seeking compensation for the damage done to me. I believe this was a very sight priest. As I had told yed previdesly, I contacted Father Rope. in Washington, he did admit to it, and said he was in clunceling new for this ;. Elev. T an sule if you check you will find this correct. I an also sule that if you check my Pacific Teleph . e fill you will find a a IG 10 inste conversation that took place. I do not know what the focus chile will be. I am gure ImpREDACTED as their us with this.

As far as my childeren are concerned. I would like to set up a account for their counseling. As we now have Aetha Instrumetor oc-pay is at \$30.00 per session. The have each seen Dr.REDACTED French 3 times. I truly telle a thet they are also entiled to compensation as I at sure of all avere that this is a "trullo the to the set of also and you the to the pay is we can figure out a flat struct.

with reference to the Catholic Church. I would like to be referred out and let people knew that whether you are a priest, the loss of whatever, we are all human. And as we all know human is akew latawes. Cometives big near as Father Roper did. Monthal televe, is a miracle from the Lord all the way around. I contributely, the fingiveness, the letting gc, and the speaking to help ither us found for those who believe ".

I have also enclosed a letter from Dr. REDACTED will on some Jan. '90.

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December 06, 1993

REDACTED

Father Tim Dyer 1531 West 9th Street Los Angeles, Ca. 90015-1194

Re: Father William Roper

Dear Father Dyer:

Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with me last Monday, as per your suggestion, I revised my letter and I am enclosing a copy of it. Hopefully all is in order.

Can you please call Father REDACTED to let him know you will be assisting me in this matter.

Thank you for all of your help and understanding regarding this matter.

Sipcerely, /, , , REDACTED

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REDACTED

December 06, 1993

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Clarition Provincial Office 1119 Westchester Place Los Angeles, Ca. 90019

Re: Father William Roper

Dear Father Martins,

As per our telephone conversation on 11-23-93, thank you for taking the time to speak with me. I wish it were under better circumstances.

As per your request, I have enclosed my medical bills to date. The total is #13,540.00. I have also enclosed a letter from Dr. REDACTED , a picture I drew in 1/90, and a journal of mine describing a little of what happened to me as a result from Father Roper molesting me. I am requesting my medical bills, past, present and furture to be paid.

I vould also like the church to pay for my childerens medical bills they have a \$30.00 co-pay and each (2) of them have been seen by Dr. REDACTED 3 times each. If you would like we can either mail you the bills as they come in, or we can figure out a flat amount based on the doctors opinion.

Father, as per Father Dyers suggestion here are the facts:

- 1) When I first started to remember about Father Roper I was in shock, and that is when I started counseling, not after.
- Father Roper was reported to the state of Washington as a possible sex offender in Nov. 1989. I am in the process of obtaining a copy or number of that report for your records.
- 3) I contacted Father Roper sometime around the latter part of 1989 he did admit to molesting me. Said he was a "very sick man, and he is still in counseling now for this".

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4) I have contacted Pacific Telephone to obtain a copy of my bill showing I did call Father Roper. I spoke with REDACTED who informed me that the Church would have to obtain a suponena, and take it to telephone security office in Los Angeles. They will then give you a copy of the bill. The only other way is for me to hire a attorney and have the attorney suponena the bill, and since I am only requesting my medical bills be paid I hope you can request the above.

With reference to my appointment with Father Tim Dyer on 11-29-93, I was morry you could not make the apoointment. As per his request I will be sending a copy of this letter to him, and I ask for a reply to my letter no later than 12-20-93. This would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter. Please feel free to call me.

Sincerely, REDACTED

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CC: Father Tim Dyer

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Office of Vicar for Clergy (213) 251-3284 1531 West Ninth Street

Los Angeles California 90015-1194

December 7, 1993

REDACTED

Claretian Provincial Office 1119 Westchester Place Los Angeles, CA 90019

_{Dear} REDACTED

As you know, I met on November 29 with Ms. REDACTED who alleges that she was molested by Father William Roper. In explained to her the distinction of jurisdictions in this matter, i.e., that I would <u>at your request</u> be of any assistance possible.

Ms.^{REDACTED} showed me a draft of a letter she plans to send to you, and I understand that you requested she write such a letter.

While she has contacted Father Roper at one point during the past year, she did not think to ask him to pay her medical bills, as she supposed that responsibility belonged to the Order. I explained to her that the Order would hold Father Roper responsible, but she will ask you to make the next contact with him, as she feels emotionally unable to do that.

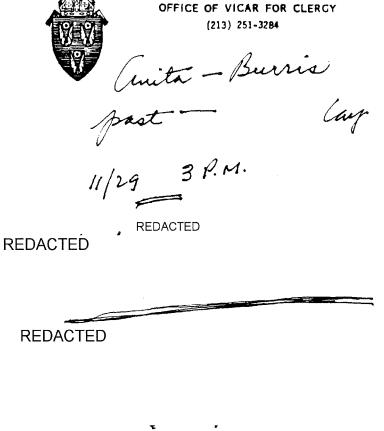
I do want to be of any help I can in this case, and I would appreciate--for the records of the Archdiocese, inasmuch as we have now been put on notice--a report from you indicating the steps you are taking, in the event that you do not involve me personally in those steps.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels San Fernando San Gabriel San Pedro Santa Barbara



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CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES

December 15, 1993

PROVINCIAL OFFICE

REDACTED

Dear

The peace and love of Our Lord Jesus be with you.

The following is in response to our telephone conversation on November 23, 1993, and your letter, dated December 6, 1993. Thank you for sending me the information regarding your situation. I pray that full healing may come to you.

I have made an investigation of William Roper's history with the Claretian Missionaries. I have found no record and have no knowledge of any sexual misconduct with minors by William Roper when he was a Claretian. This does not mean he did not have any sexual misconduct but that the Claretians were not aware of any misconduct. In your telephone call you seemed to insinuate that the Claretian Missionaries were responsible for the sexual abuse you said you suffered from William Roper. William Roper would be the person solely responsible for his actions. The Claretian Missionaries cannot be responsible for actions they knew nothing about.

The following are the facts regarding William Roper's leaving the Claretians: Our records show that William Roper requested and was given a three months' leave of absence starting June 7, 1973. On June 17, 1973, he asked for laicization from the priesthood and separation from the Claretians because he wanted to get married. Attempts were made by the Provincial of the Claretians asking William Roper to think his decision over carefully because of his hasty decision. The paperwork for the process of laicization began shortly afterwards. Laicization and separation from the Claretians was officially granted to William Roper on REDACTED Roper's REDACTED was validated in the Catholic Church on KEDACTED He had been civilly married sometime before this date and that action of civil marriage would have excommunicated him from the Catholic Church at that time.

The Claretian Missionaries hold that all forms of child abuse are intrinsically evil and immoral. Although pedophilia may be classified as a disease, the Claretians unequivocally hold that we neither condone nor justify pedophilia or any

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other form of child abuse. In fact, the Claretians will not tolerate any expression of sexual misconduct perpetrated by their priests, deacons, brothers, or seminarians. Accordingly, the Claretians will make every effort possible to ensure that no applicant with a proclivity toward the abuse of minors (or anyone) is ever admitted to candidacy, novitiate, profession, or ordination.

The Claretians are aware that, from time to time, an individual (the "accuser") may come forward alleging that a former Claretian abused him or her in the past, specifically while the former Claretian was still a member of the Claretians. In such a case, the Claretians will make every good faith effort to locate the accused, former Claretian, so that the accuser, should he or she so desire, may confront him with the accusation. Should the accuser demand or request restitution, counseling, money, or any form of valuable consideration (the "demand"), the policy of the Claretians is for the accuser to make the demand of the accused, former Claretian. The Claretian Missionaries are in no way responsible for satisfying such demand. If the accused, former Claretian is, in fact, guilty of the accusation made by the accuser, the Claretians believe that the accused, former Claretian is solely responsible for satisfying such demand. This is only just and right.

Therefore, with your permission, I will send William Roper the demand you sent me along with your address so that he may respond to it.

I pray that you may be relieved of all the hurt that you are experiencing so that you may be completely healed.

> Sincerely, REDACTED

.x, Msgr. Craig A.

| From: | REDACTED |
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| Sent: | Wednesday, March 27, 2002 7:10 PM |
| To: | Cox, Msgr. Craig A. |
| Subject: | REDACTED |

I received a call on the 1-800 hotline from Ms.REDACTED on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. I spoke with her this evening. She reported that she was sexually molested by Fr. William (Bill) Roper. This occurred when she was approximately 8 years old and occurred repeatedly over a two year period, 1968-1969. She stated that the abuse occurred at "Claretville Seminary." She could not recall the exact location, she however believed in was in near Laurel Canyon.

Ms.^{REDACTED} remembered that she had told her parents about the abuse and they spoke with someone in authority. She did not recall who. Fr. Roper was removed from the seminary soon after.

She has been through "years and years" of therapy and is looking to be reimbursed for her expenses. She has already contacted an attorney and is exploring a lawsuit. She inquired about the statute of limitations.

Approximately thirteen years ago, she called the Los Angeles Chancery Office and was given the contact information for him. She contacted him in Seattle and arranged to meet with him. She stated that he admitted abusing her and two other children. He was married at the time of the meeting and had two children. He shared with her that he was sent to treatment in Arizona for his behavior. "They gave him help but didn't give me anything."

I looked up Father Roper in access, he is a Claritian. He was layasized.

She would like to be contacted tomorrow afternoon at work if possible. Her work number is REDACTED Her home number is REDACTED

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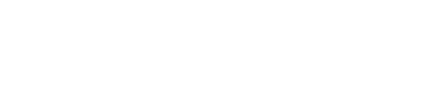
Dear Msgr. Dyer,

Enclosed is a letter of response to REDACTED I believe the steps we take are self-explanatory in the letter. I see no reason to involve you in this matter at this time.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely in Jesus with Mary, $\ensuremath{\mathsf{REDACTED}}$

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Cos Angeles California 90010-2241

March 28, 2002

REDACTED

Claretian Provincial Office 1119 Westchester Place Los Angeles, CA 90019

Dear Father Lozano:

On Tuesday, March 26, we received a message on our Archdiocesan sexual abuse hot line. REDACTED Spoke to the person and obtained information regarding her claims. He is a brief summary of Doctor report:

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It is my understanding that Father Roper was eventually laicized.

I will be calling REDACTED today to inform her that I am passing this information on to you. I will give her your name and address and phone, as well as let her know that someone from yourt office will be in touch with her shortly. Since Father Roper was a Claretian, and since Claretville was an apostolate of your community. I trust that you will extend pastoral care to this woman and offer whatever assistance is appropriate to assist her in her healing. Her phoneREDACTEDREDACTED REDACTED

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Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels San Fernando San Gabriel San Pedro Santa Barbara

Would you please be so kind as to keep us informed about this matter.

May God continue to bless you in your very challenging role of leadership. Thank you for the ministry of the Claretians here in the Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Monsighor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D. Viear for Clergy

cc: REDACTED

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March 28, 2002

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